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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the National Semiconductor Training Center (NSTC) at Austin Community College District Highland Campus in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Austin Community College District, located at 6101 Highland Campus Dr., Austin, Texas 78752.

The funding would be used to acquire and install semiconductor training equipment to outfit ACC's workforce training center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Central Texas has been witnessing strong growth in the local semiconductor industry and the need for skilled technicians is quickly outpacing the available supply. To meet this workforce demand, establishing a national semiconductor training center at ACC's Highland Campus with the acquisition and installation of workforce training equipment that can be leveraged by every semiconductor partner in the region, will be a critical piece of the local semiconductor workforce pipeline. These companies have indicated an interest in paying for their current employees to travel from other locations across the country to enroll in accelerated 1- and 2-month training programs in Central Texas, further cementing the region's role as national leader in semiconductor workforce education.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett